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SUBJ: OECD XCSS SIXTH SESSION

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1. SUMMARY. SECGEN HAS AGREED TO POSTPONEMENT OF SIXTH XCSS, PROBABLY TO LATTER HALF OF APRIL, AND PLANS TO ANNOUNCE POSTPONEMENT AT COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW (MARCH 12). END SUMMARY.

2. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL, AND FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS OVER WEEKEND WITH SEVERAL OTHER DELEGATIONS, CHARGE CALLED ON SECGEN THIS MORNING TO EXPLAIN REASONS US FELT POSTPONEMENT OF XCSS DESIRABLE. HE STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF DOCUMENTATION, PARTICULARLY CE(74)3 ON IMPLICATIONS OF OIL SITUATION.

3. CHARGE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TOWE, WHO SAID CANADA WOULD BE UNABLE TO PRODUCE APPROPRIATE HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATION MARCH 18-19, AND BY SWISS CHARGE BRUGGMANN, WHO EXPRESSED CONTINUING DOUBTS OF XCSS CHAIRMAN JOLLES AND OF SWISS GOVERNMENT ABOUT HOLDING MEETING AS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED.

4. CHARGE AND BRUGGMANN ALSO REFERRED TO SENTIMENT FAVORING POSTPONEMENT THAT THEY HAD FOUND IN CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS. CHARGE INDICATED USEFULNESS OF XCSS IN PREPARATION FOR MINISTERIAL, AND REAFFIRMED US SUPPORT FOR XCSS AS VALUABLE FORUM, AND FOR ITS CHAIRMAN.

5. SECGEN RESPONDED BY STATING THAT EVEN PRELIMINARY AND INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION OF POINTS MADE IN CE(74)3 WOULD BE USEFUL IF HELD EARLY ENOUGH. HE SAID OECD MEMBERS MUST CLARIFY EXTENT TO WHICH THEY BELIEVED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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CURRENT SITUATION IS DANGEROUS AND REQUIRES STRONGER AND MORE SPECIFIC COOPERATIVE ENGAGEMENTS. HOWEVER, HE FULLY AGREED ON NECESSITY OF POSTPONING MEETING IF APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATION NOT POSSIBLE MARCH 18-19, AND HE AGREED POSTPONEMENT SHOULD BE FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.

6. SECGEN FEELS IT IMPORTANT TO GIVE IMPETUS TO CO-OPERATION IN VARIOUS ECONOMIC FIELDS AND IN FACT "TO SHAKE PEOPLE OUT OF NORMAL ROUTINE." HE WAS DISTURBED BY LACK OF PROGRESS AT LAST TRADE COMMITTEE MEETING. HE FEELS WE MUST MAKE SURE LATER XCSS MEETING IS SUCCESSFUL AND DOES NOT END INCONCLUSIVELY. THUS HE ENVISAGED

FURTHER FOCUS ON PREPARATION FOR LATE APRIL XCSS.

7. COMMENT: NET RESULT OF COORDINATION AND WIDESPREAD,
IF LARGELY UNINSTRUCTED, SENTIMENT FAVORING POSTPONEMENT
SHOULD BE THAT US WILL NOT BE TAGGED WITH EXCLUSIVE
RESPONSIBILITY FOR IT. HOWEVER, WE WILL HAVE TO SEE
HOW SEGEN PRESENTS QUESTION IN COUNCIL TOMORROW.
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